

## **Drinking Water Report Shows Columbus Exceeds State and Federal Minimum Standards for Quality**

The recently released City of Columbus 2010 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report will begin appearing in customer mailboxes this week. The report shows that the water pumped to the 1.1 million customers again meets or exceeds all minimum requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and all other state and federal health standards. It includes details about the city's drinking water quality from its three treatment plants, the treatment process and source water information.

**"We are proud that our drinking water passes all federal and state standards, but we must continue our efforts on protecting our water supplies," said Mayor Michael B. Coleman. "We can all help keep our water clean by picking up trash before it ends up in our rivers, disposing of household hazardous waste properly, and by using lawn chemicals responsibly."**

Each year, the Water Quality Assurance Laboratory staff completes thousands of tests related to dozens of different organic, inorganic and microbiological water quality parameters.

**"Columbus' commitment to providing reliable supplies of clean, safe drinking water is an important investment," said Columbus City Council member Eileen Y. Paley, chair of the Public Utilities Committee. She noted that the department just broke ground on a new upground reservoir north of the city near the Scioto River to ensure future additional water supplies for a still growing central Ohio region.**

The report includes a comparison chart that provides ideas on how to save water through changes like shorter showers or by using low flow fixtures. More water and money saving tips are available on the department's Web site at [www.utilities.columbus.gov](http://www.utilities.columbus.gov).

The Environmental Protection Agency requires that all water utilities distribute reports on source and treated water quality to their customers. In addition to the report arriving in customer mailboxes this week, it can also be viewed on the department's Web site at <http://utilities.columbus.gov/Water/PDFs/CCR2010.pdf>. Questions on water quality can be answered by calling Columbus' Water Quality Assurance Laboratory at (614) 645-7691.